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## COMMISSIONER TO FILE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday will file Articles of Incorporation for the Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky, a new, independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity formed to help support innovative strategies in Kentucky public schools.

Holliday will personally deliver the paperwork to Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes' office in the Capitol at 9:30 a.m. ET.

The foundation will have an independent board of trustees and staff, and it will seek to access funding sources to provide support to school districts outside of traditional state, federal and local sources.

The board of trustees will hold its first meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the offices of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in Frankfort. The members of the board are:

- Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson
- Dave Adkisson, president and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
- Buddy Berry, superintendent of the Eminence Independent school district
- Billy Harper, president and CEO of Harper Industries in Paducah
- Mary John O'Hair, dean of the University of Kentucky College of Education
- Rep. Carl Rollins
- Stu Silberman, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
- Mary Gwen Wheeler, executive director of 55,000 Degrees in Louisville and a member of the Kentucky Board of Education